

CLAIMS

1. A method of operating a data processing system, having a microprocessor that executes program instructions, comprising the steps of:
 - determining an order of said program instructions;
 - moving a certain one of said program instructions to an advanced position in said program order;
 - checking status information associated with said certain program instruction to determine whether it will execute successfully; and
 - retrying said certain program instruction when said certain program instruction does not execute successfully.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein said certain program instruction is a load instruction for retrieving information from memory.
3. A method according to claim 2 wherein said step of checking status information comprises the step of determining whether the information to be retrieved by said load instruction is valid based on the state of a status bit.
4. A method according to claim 3 wherein said step of retrying comprises the step of loading, based on said status bit, the data again without implementing any recovery procedures.
5. A method according to claim 4 wherein said step of checking is implemented by a speculative load check program instruction.

6. A data processing system, having a microprocessor that executes program instructions, comprising:

means for determining an order of said program instructions, and for moving a certain one of said program instructions to an advanced position in said program order;

means for checking status information associated with said certain program instruction to determine whether it will execute successfully; and

means for retrying said certain program instruction when said certain program instruction does not execute successfully.

7. A system according to claim 6 wherein said certain program instruction is a load instruction for retrieving information from memory.

8. A system according to claim 7 wherein said means for checking comprises means for determining whether the information to be retrieved by the load instruction is valid, based on the state of a status bit.

9. A system according to claim 8 wherein said means for retrying comprises means for loading, based on the status bit, the data again without implementing any recovery procedures.

10. A system according to claim 9 wherein said means for checking is implemented by a speculative load check program instruction.

11. A computer program product, including a plurality of program instructions which are executable by a microprocessor in a data processing system and stored on a computer readable medium, said computer program product, comprising:

means for determining an order of said program instructions, and for moving a certain one of said program instructions to an advanced position in said program order;

means for checking status information associated with said certain program instruction to determine whether it will execute successfully; and

means for retrying said certain program instruction when said certain program instruction does not execute successfully.

12. A computer program product according to claim 11 wherein said certain program instruction is a load instruction for retrieving information from memory.

13. A computer program product according to claim 12 wherein said means for checking comprises means for determining whether the information to be retrieved by the load instruction is valid, based on the state of a status bit.

14. A computer program product according to claim 13 wherein said means for retrying comprises means for loading, based on said status bit, the data again without implementing any recovery procedures.

15. A computer program product according to claim 14 wherein said means for checking is implemented by a speculative load check program instruction.

16. A method of operating a data processing system, having a microprocessor that executes program instructions, comprising the steps of:

determining an order of said program instructions;
moving a load instruction from retrieving information from memory to an advanced position in said program order;

checking status information associated with said load instruction to determine if the information being retrieved is valid, based on the state of a status bit; and

retrying said certain program instruction when said certain program instruction does not execute successfully.

17. A method according to claim 16 wherein said step of checking status information determines whether the information to be retrieved by said load instruction is valid based only on the state of a status bit.

18. A method according to claim 17 wherein said step of retrying comprises the step of loading, based on said status bit, the data again without implementing any recovery procedures.

19. A data processing system, having a microprocessor that executes program instructions including a load instruction which retrieves information from a storage location, comprising:

a compiler that determines an order of said program instructions, and is capable of moving said load instruction to an advanced position in said program order;

a status register that stores an indication of the validity of said load instruction; and

a control unit that processes a check load instruction and determines the state of said status register;

wherein execution of said load instruction is retried based on the state of said status register.

20. A system according to claim 19 wherein execution is retried based solely on the state of said status bit and said information is loaded again without implementing any recovery procedures.

21. A data processing system, comprising
a memory;

a microprocessor that executes program instructions including a load instruction which retrieves information from said memory;

a compiler that determines an order of said program instructions, and is capable of moving said load instruction to an advanced position in said program order;

a status register that stores an indication of the validity of said load instruction; and

a control unit that processes a check load instruction to determine the state of said status register;

wherein execution of said load instruction is retried based on the state of said status register.

22. A system according to claim 21 wherein said status register is a single bit and said execution is retried when said bit is set.

23. A data processing system, comprising

a memory;

a microprocessor that executes program instructions including a load instruction which retrieves information from said memory;

a compiler that determines an order of said program instructions, and is capable of advancing said load instruction to an advanced position in said program order;

a status register that stores an indication of the validity of said load instruction; and

a control unit that processes a check load instruction to determine the state of said status register;

wherein execution of said load instruction is retried based on the state of said status register and independent of other status information.